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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,030,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

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Shanghai.—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange-business is conducted.

Drawings granted on London, and the other Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, April 3, 1890. 365

NOTICE OF
RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more of the credit must give their option to invest the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at fixed deposit for 12 months, at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 1, 1890. 754

Intimations.

BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

Wholesale and Retail Druggists.

FAMILY, DISPENSING AND
GENERAL CHEMISTS.

PERFUMERS.

PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS.

SEEDSMEN.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

CIGAR IMPORTERS, &c., &c.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
WATERS

STEAM MACHINERY.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DRY PLATES.

Apparatus, Chemicals, and Materials of all kinds suitable for Amateurs and Professionals, at Moderate Prices.

LESSONS IN PAINTING.

M. R. STANLEY SETON, who has had 15 years' experience of Teaching both in Europe and in the East, is prepared to give LESSONS IN OIL and WATER-COLOUR PAINTING. Terms and Particulars may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Limited.

Hongkong, April 22, 1890. 753

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATORY
MEETING.

Intimations.

H. FOURNIER & CO.

TENDERS will be Received at the Registry of the Supreme Court until the 15th day of MAY next, for the PURCHASE in One Lot of the STOCK-IN-TRADE, GOODWILL and BOOK DEBTS of the Firm H. FOURNIER & CO., of Queen's Road.

For Inventory and other Particulars, Apply to

EDW. J. ACKROYD,
Official Administrator.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG,

No. 1165.

A N Emergency MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY NEXT, the 28th Inst., at 8.30 P.M. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, April 22, 1890.

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATORY
MEETING.

THE DARVEL BAY TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the REGISTRY OFFICE of the above-named Company, Queen's Road Central, No. 9, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of May, 1890, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolution proposed and passed at the last Meeting of the Shareholders held on the 23rd day of April, 1890.

JAS. EDWARDS, Proprietor.

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATORY
MEETING.

THE MARINE HOTEL,
HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, that he will OPEN THE MARINE HOTEL, on or about the 1st May.

THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL

Is situated on the Praey, West opposite the Old P. & O. WHARF, and is newly built after the designs of the LARGEST EUROPEAN HOTELS—the BEDROOMS, BATH-ROOMS, &c., are commodious, well Ventilated and well Furnished, and are suitable for Single, or Married Persons. The DINING ROOM is large and looks on the Harbour.

The TABLE D'HÔTE will be supplied with the best the market can provide.

The BAR and BILLIARD ROOMS are on the Ground Floor, and will be fitted up in an ornate style.

WINES and LIQUORS of the best qualities and Brands only will be supplied.

The Undersigned therefore begs the patronage of the Public, hoping to give every satisfaction.

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Is situated on the Praey, West opposite the Old P. & O. WHARF, and is newly built after

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL.
THIS EVENING,
26th April.

Under the Patronage of
His Excellency FRANCIS FLEMING,
C.M.G., Administering the Government.

A CONCERT
will be given by
THE BAND OF THE ROYAL & SUTHER-
LAND HIGHLANDERS,
together with

A SHORT PERFORMANCE
By the LORE ATHLETIC CLUB.

The proceeds will be devoted to a Charitable
Object.

To Commence at 8 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained and Seats re-
served of Messrs. KELLY & WALSH.

Prices—Reserve, £1 each. To be obtained
at the Desk of Messrs. KELLY & WALSH
and from the Officers, Sergt. Major or Band
Master of the Regiment.

Hongkong, April 26, 1890.

To Let.

TO LET.

FROM 1st FEBRUARY next, Nos. 53, 55
and 57, PEEL STREET,
Apply to EDWARD GEORGE.

Hongkong, January 3, 1890.

TO LET.

THE RESIDENCE, No. 14, ABBY-
ROAD, in occupation of S. C. MICHAEL-
SEN, Esq. (overlooking Botanical Gardens)

Apply to M. J. D. STEPHENS,

Solicitor,

18, Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, February 11, 1890.

TO LET.

THE TOP FLOOR of GIBB, LIVINGSTON
& Co.'s Hong, consisting of Five
SPACIOUS ROOMS and Three BATH-
ROOMS, suitable either as Offices or
Dwelling Apartments.

For terms apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890.

TO LET.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, Ltd.

TO LET.

THAT Suite of OFFICES on the First
Floor of the Company's Premises in
ICE HOUSE Lane, at present occupied by
MOSSA, HOLLOWAY, WISE & Co., with entrance
from Queen's Road. Possession from 1st
March next.

Also,

TWO GODOWNS on the GROUNDS Floor
which can be let in connection with the
above Office, or separately as desired.

With immediate possession, ONE ROOM
on the FIRST FLOOR of the same Premises,
suitable for an OFFICE, with entrance
fronting on the side of the building.

For Full Particulars, apply to the MANA-
GEE at the Dupot, or to

JARDINE, MATHEISON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, January 27, 1890.

TO LET.

ROOMS in GOLDEN CHAMBERS,
No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE,
STONEHENGES, ROBINSON ROAD, from
1st May.

Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,

13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, March 29, 1890.

TO LET.

A HOUSE in WEST TERRACE.
Entry 1st May.

Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,

13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, March 29, 1890.

TO LET.

1ST FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 15, PRAYA
CENTRAL, 2ND FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 64, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to

LAI HING & Co.,

No. 153, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, March 21, 1890.

TO LET.

N. 3, MORRISON HILL
Entry, 1st June.

Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,

13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, April 22, 1890.

TO LET.

A SIX-ROOMED HOUSE at the PEAK.
Apply to DENNYS & MOSSOP,

60, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, February 20, 1890.

TO LET.

ONE Large ROOM on the Ground
Floor of No. 13, Praya Central.
Suitable for an Office.

Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,

13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, March 28, 1890.

TO LET.

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Officers will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

D. T. TURNER, American ship, Capt. D.

E. RODICK, Gib, Livingston & Co.,

Escoffier, American barque, Captain Rohl.

W. H. MAGNUS, American sloop, Capt. J.

A. Amstrong, Gib, Gib.

Notices to Consignees.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Northern, Capt. Richardson,
having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading
to the Underwriters for counter-signature,
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from along-side.

The Steamer is now had at Kowloon Pier
and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be
presented to the Underwriters or before the
29th Inst. or they will not be recognized.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Underwriters or before the
29th Inst. or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 22, 1890.

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STEAMSHIP SAGITTARIUS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo from London
ex S.S. Poole and Tyre, from Havre ex S.S. Tore, and from Bordeaux
ex S.S. Lyndall des Verges, in con-
nection with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods—with the
exception of Ojama, Treasure and Valuables
—are being landed and stored at their risk
at the Company's Godown, whence delivery
may be obtained immediately after
handing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless
instructions are received from the Consignees
before Noon To-day (Thursday), requesting
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unshipped after THURSDAY,
the 1st May, at Noon, will be subject to rent,
and landing charges at one cent per package per diem.

All Claims in respect of the above
will be settled on the 29th Inst. at
Port MONDAY, the 28th Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 26, 1890.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FOR MANILA VII AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship
Zafiro, Captain Cobban, will be
despatched for the above
Port on MONDAY, the 28th Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 26, 1890.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE S.S. Aragon, having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk into
the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and
GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at West
Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
2nd PROXIMO will be subject to rent. No
Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are also hereby informed, that all
Claims must be made immediately, as
no rent will be entertained after the 2nd
PROXIMO.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1890.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE
UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE,
VIAAND OTHER CONNECTING
RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship PUMPHIL, a
3,127 Ton Register, Capt. Wallace,
will be despatched for VANCOUVER
B.C., via NAGASAKI, INLAND SEA,
KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on TEURSDAY,
the 15th May, at Noon.

To be followed by the S.S. BATAVIA
on the 12th June, and S.S. ABYSSINIA
on the 3rd July.

Connection will be made at Yokohama
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast
Points, by the regular Steamers of the
PACIFIC COAST SHIPMENT COMPANY and
other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fare granted as follows—

To Vancouver & Victoria, (Mon.) £210.00

To Montreal, New York, &c. 250.00

To Liverpool 325.00

To London 330.00

To other European points at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and
the Imperial Chinese and Japanese
Services, to be obtained on application
to the Consular Agent.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. on the 15th May.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office
and should be marked to address in full;
and the same will be received by us until
5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight
apply to ADAMSON, ELL & CO.,
Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, April 26, 1890.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.,
Chromatists, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
METEOROLOGICAL
INSTRUMENTS.VOSTENLÄNDER'S CELEBRATED
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES,
FRENCH'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES,
ADMIRALTY & DIRAY CHARTS,
NAUTICAL BOOKS.ELECTRIC-PLATED WARE,
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY
in great variety.

DIAMOND S.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,
A Splendid Collection of the Latest London
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices.

TO LET.

Possession from 1st April.

SIX-ROOMED HOUSE at the PEAK.

Apply to DENNYS & MOSSOP,

60, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, February 20, 1890.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The Steamship
Arden Asper,
Captain J. G. SPENCE,
will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY,
the

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 8 p.m.

The Chinese squadron, composed of six vessels, arrived at Manila on the 2nd inst.

A CHINESE ruit-collector was fined on cent to-day by Mr. Robinson, in the Police Court, for being in possession of a small quantity of prepared opium without a certificate from the Opium Farmer. Mr. A. J. Leach, who appeared for the defence, explained that the defendant was a son of one of the former Opium Farmers and could not account for the opium being in his possession. Mr. Spooner, chief excise officer, said the Opium Farmer accepted the view that the opium was inadvertently put in defendant's possession, and merely asked for a nominal fine.

The case of the two Chinese shopkeepers who were charged last week with the larceny of about \$600 worth of ivory and other goods which had just been returned to the owner, here from the Paris Exhibition, was again before Mr. Wodehouse in the Police Court to-day. The first defendant did not appear, and Mr. Wilkinson who represented him explained that he had gone to Canton to look for some more of the missing property. His Worship, however, declared the bail of \$1,000 estreated. After some further evidence the case was again remanded, the bail of the second defendant being increased to \$1,000.

The Turkish corvette *Ertugrul*, with Vice-Admiral Otsu Pasha on board, arrived this afternoon, on her way to Japan, and saluted the port. She is the bearer of the Turkish order of *Milat*, a high decoration conferred by the Sultan on the Mitato. She made the voyage in a very leisurely manner, having been several months in Singapore, waiting, we suppose, the change of the monsoon. The *Ertugrul* was built at Constantinople about 24 years ago, but she has been overhauled several times and the engines are of English make. She is a wooden vessel of a somewhat antiquated style, of 1,800 tons. The crew numbers 500 men, including 20 officers, 15 cadets, 60 firemen and 24 marines. There are 12 large guns on board—4 Armstrong 250 pounders, and 8 Krupp guns of 15 centimetres—and 2 Etchells guns, 5 Nordenfeldts and a number of smaller guns for sailing purposes.

THERE seems a great desire on the part of some of our Home contemporaries to find a suitable place for Sir Frederick Napier Broome, late Governor of Western Australia. The European Mail sometimes says, having discovered that our Governor was sick, was to ship Sir Frederick to Hongkong; and now the Colonies and India will have it that he is going to Singapore, having discovered another sick Governor in the person of Sir C. C. Smith. The Singapore Free Press, writing on the subject, says:—We can only say on the best authority that no rumour of anything of the sort has been heard in Singapore. And Sir Cecil Smith was yet here at a date well after the paragraph was published; and we believe that H. F. the Governor had never even remately expressed any intention to be effectuated. We all know that the Governor had at times been far from strong, and that the strain of responsibility caused by his having to undertake and carry through his State's Southern policy into Australia effectually broke him. But there seemed to have been no harm done which rest and medical advice could not undo, and until the Governor left Singapore he had not, as far as we can learn, given any one the idea that there was a possibility of his not returning. Much of course depends upon His Excellency's health and the nature of the laryngeal affection which occasionally troubled him—but there is no reason why care and rest during his holiday in England should not have the good effect anticipated.

This influenza in epidemic form still prevails in Calcutta. Out of 2,500 native police 250 are invalids, sixty out of a hundred clerks in the Central Post Office are laid up and 220 postmen are numbered among the victims.

THE Editor of the *Sarawak Gazette* is "spilling for a fight." He invites discussion of his views on the Limbang business—which of course are a reflection of those of Rajah Brooke, the *Gazette* being subsidized by the Sarawak Government—with any dissident in a friendly or other manner!

The Police of Singapore received information that two prisoners of the A. & S. High Constabulary, stationed in Hongkong, deserted and went down to Sarawak by the *S. S. Pewsey*, which arrived there on the 17th inst. The men, whose names are not known, and Christie, stowed away and had to work for their passage in the stoke hole. They, however, managed to clear out as soon as the vessel arrived.

The *Japan Gazette* says that the O. & O. steamer *Geule* carried to San Francisco the first lot of new season iron. All the stock (new season) in the hands of native dealers has been bought up. For Suruga brand about \$15 was given. Last year's first shipment was on April 24th and the price given \$45. There is, therefore, scarcely any difference in price. This year's crop, however, is said to be inferior to last year's owing to unfavourable weather.

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JAPAN is to have its beauty about, at least we are told by the *Hokk Shimbun*. According to our informant, contestation will be instituted from Tokyo, Kanagawa-ken, Chiba-ken, Izu-ken, Guama-ken, Saitama-ken, Tsuchigiri-ken, Shizuoka-ken, and Yamashita-ken. The fair ones, it is stated, are to send their photos, and addressed to No. 21, Kinnekocho, Honjo, Tokyo, and from the photos thus received 20 will be selected and the originals invited to attend at the Capital before May 9th. A two days' charity bazaar will then be held, on the 10th and 11th, the candidates waiting on the stalls. The *Hokk* does not tell us who are to be the judges.

The Siamese yacht *Narathin*, Commander Grandison, arrived in Singapore on the 17th inst. from Bangkok. On the way down she stopped at Renong and landed there H. H. Prince Danang and suite. We hear that H. M. the King of Siam left Bangkok on the 16th inst., and was expected to arrive at Chonburi (by overland route) next day. The King was to stay two days in Chonburi after which he would go to Renong, Kopah and Tongkha. After visiting these places he will go to Penang where a fleet of thirteen gunboats and yachts will meet him to escort him to Singapore. A stay of six or seven days is to be made at Penang and Singapore. His Majesty will visit Johore, Tringam and other places on the coast and return to Siam.

A CORRESPONDENT gives the following account of the havoc influenza is playing at Lucknow. The influenza is furiously raging in the city. The cry of *Wahidul bakhsh* are heard all round. The young, the old, the strong and the weak are all its victims. There is not a single family in the city which is free from this epidemic. In offices packed clerks wrapped in shudders are seen daily, sun into the chairs unable to work. In many offices the absences are 60 or 70 percent. If you go to the Bularka Hospital the doctor replies "*Baba, hum fare, sub log me mati ghar ka*" (What can I do, Sir every one is suffering from it.) and kindly enters your name in the primary register of some medicine. The other day Mr. White, of the Canning College, while touching his class found to his apparent bewilderment one of the students, a promising young lad, suddenly seized by this demon. The boy fell on the floor. The principal left the room and dismissed the class.

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The Chairman said—Gentlemen, there is very little to be said about the report, which has been in your hands for several days, because the hotel, especially since the winter season began, could hardly be said to be in regular working order. During the summer of course Craigieburn did fairly well, but in this weather the number of guests who visit the Peak is usually very small. You will see that we shall have a portion of the new hotel ready to receive and entertain guests in June, and I think when we fairly get started our prospects will greatly improve. The fact that we will then be near the terminus of the tramway will of course attract a number of casual visitors. A class of visitors we have been feeling the want of since the small bungalow which we occupied previously as a hotel had to be taken down.

That whether or not the marked unreliability of shroffs and bill-collectors recently observed has as much to do with Kowloon as with local gambling clubs, perhaps an open question.

That on the principle that man who cannot get out of the mud generally goes deeper many residents are steadily sinking in a very deep mud-hole in Kowloon city.

That as has been formerly observed, it is not an easy matter to keep people from committing financial or moral suicide, the more especially if they choose to do it on a foreign soil.

That at the same time if the antecedents of the harpies who run those four gambling dens in Kowloon City were looked into, and their representatives to the Chinese authorities, some good might accrue.

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That the growth among the shipping community are loud and deep over the grim immobility of the celebrated or notorious *The Ball*.

That Hongkong with an expensive Observatory and all the apparatuses required should be suffering as long from the lack of such a maritime necessity as is scandal which urgently calls for an explanation.

That times without number we have been

asked why the new wharf at Tsim-tsa-tau Point has not been opened to public traffic, but no satisfactory answer could be given.

That the extension of the roads on Kowloon Point is another question that remains unanswered.

That residents who purpose visiting Japan during this summer season ought to take the precaution I writing, before their departure hence, for the passports necessary for the journey.

That by adopting this course they may save many days of precious time.

That it would be useless to ignore the fact that the future action of the directors of the Hongkong Land Investment Company is the leading topic of conversation in the Colony.

That yester evening a number of the shareholders in this company for two years will have shown a loss, because of its present rate of expenditure it has to pay a net profit of \$2,500 per month, during the season to enable it to pay current expenses.

Now, it seems to me that the real cause of this loss is the heavy rental paid for Oratiborou; \$500 per month, all the year round, summer and winter, really in the same thing as paying \$6,000 per annum,

because the place is practically useless to us during the winter months. I fear, gentlemen, that a mistake has been made in saddling this company for two years with

this heavy item. The connection with that heavy item, however, is that Craigieburn was taken over to provide temporary premises for visitors. Now, gentlemen, I think that a lease of six months for the summer season would have simply served this purpose, and then had the arrangements been made to have the bar and restaurant of the new Peak Hotel ready by the end of this month we would have been in a position to take advantage of the season just commencing. But as matters stand now I very much fear that neither this nor any other part of the Hotel will be ready until the season is over, and I am very certain that people will not go so far as Craigieburn to take refreshments.

Now, Mr. Chairman, can we not get this lease of Craigieburn conceded, or modified? I understand that Mr. James Anderson is owner of Craigieburn and also a director of this Company, and I therefore suggest that he be asked to help us out of the difficulty. He, I am sure, has the interests of the company at heart and will

see that it is in its interests that the terms of the lease should be very considerably reduced if it is possible.

Mr. Young—I think that the Directors of the Company are to be blamed for not doing this, but I am afraid that they are not in a position to do so.

That I am very anxious to have the *Peak* open for the summer months, as I can scarcely conceive of a more sensible charitable object than that of providing a fresh cool breeze at the Peak for the women and children of the Garrison.

That the Report of the Man-pon House Committee of the China Famine Relief Fund, compiled by a gentleman who knows China and its people, is in a sense an important historical document.

That the information it contains regarding the causes and extent of the famine and the distribution of relief is interesting, and it is to be hoped the lessons taught by these facts, how to prevent similar calamities in the future by means of better communications throughout the Empire.

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That if these same boatmen were told they could tumble ballast over the side of the *Praya* Reclamation, some good might be done—that is, of course, after the rubbles are down.

That I hear nearly two score men are engaged on the Gas Rock site, but that progress is necessarily slow.

That the delivery of the English mail was begun at 8 p.m.

The Chinese squadron, composed of six vessels, arrived at Manila on the 2nd inst.

A CHINESE ruit-collector was fined on cent to-day by Mr. Robinson, in the Police Court, for being in possession of a small quantity of prepared opium without a certificate from the Opium Farmer. Mr. A. J. Leach, who appeared for the defence, explained that the defendant was a son of one of the former Opium Farmers and could not account for the opium being in his possession. Mr. Spooner, chief excise officer, said the Opium Farmer accepted the view that the opium was inadvertently put in defendant's possession, and merely asked for a nominal fine.

The case of the two Chinese shopkeepers who were charged last week with the l

WHAT IS GOOD.
What is the real good?
I asked in musing mood:

Order, said the law-court;
Knowledge, said the school;
Truth, said the wise man;
Pleasure, said the fool;
Love, said the maiden;
Beauty, said the page;
Freedom, said the dreamer;
Faith, said the soldier;

Equity, the seer;

Sunk my heart full sadly;

'The answer is not here.'

Then within my bosom
Softly this I heard—
Each heart the secret:
Kindness is the word.'

John Boyle O'Reilly, in Georgetown College Journal.

THE DUNEDIN EXHIBITION.

A former resident of Hongkong sends us the following sketch:—

Poor New Zealand having been so long in the bottomless pit of commercial depression in the valley of the shadow of big loans and mis-government, seems to have at last lifted her head and looking for the 'better times' that are always so long

of coming and never fully appreciated when they do come. Arriving in Dunedin on a bright morning in January we are favourably impressed with the beauty of the moment we set eyes upon it. The sky is clear and exhilarating the sun so brilliant with its ever-piercing and there is a general look of cleanliness and neatness about the place and the people which is causing to note in these days of laborious, of so much want and misery in many large cities at home. There is an absence of that rush we expected to see arriving as we do so close on the New Year holidays, but as we go from hotel to hotel in a vain search for rooms, we begin to think the place is more full than it looks. However, we give ourselves up to the tender mercies of an 'expressman,' a species only to be met with in the colonies, and find rest for the roles of our feet in very comfortable and home-like rooms. This is an improvement in every way of being before us, that is what is left of us, we make an inspection of our quarters, search out our letters of introduction, and later, wind our way to the exhibition, and there find rest for the roles of our feet, for the over-crowded and noisy Hotels. Time to be spent in the 'Court's' reading off from the circular vestibule and decide to take it in sections. The first section of interest being the girl at the strawberry stand opposite we make trial in her direction. The big luscious strawberries remind us of Aberdeen, Awa, though in the girl's bright red and cheery smile there is a sweet expression evidently for us, of, she how is the exorbitant price of her delicious wares so easily wished at. We make some remarks to the girl, and then ask her, my dear fellow, don't be so reckless, and for the future let us buy our strawberries from the Chinaman's great grocery shop on our way out George Street. We are answered with a look of stony contempt and careful of the welfare as well as the thin pale hand seizes it, and returns it

promptly, before we can draw a breath; feelings of our 'impassioned chum' are anxious pilot him past the 'giving' Huts at the refreshment bar on our left, and see him safely through the glass door into the 'Fernery' in front of us. *Grace-a-Dieu!* After the dust and dust of the street the cool-shady quiet of the Fernery is most refreshing. We are in the midst of a New Zealand fern forest. Glades and gullies, cascades of falling water, rocky cairns and overhanging trees, miniature lakes and rivers. To sit here and eat strawberries. It is an Idyl!

All the known New Zealand ferns, and their names are legion, are here, as well as many rare specimens from Queensland and the neighbourhood of Sydney. We marvel at the weight of science which has given such portentous long names as 'T. Reichenbachii' and the like, and the most notable was an label to a small fern, the graceful Prince of Wales' feather, the tall proud tree fern, and the rare beeches 'elk' and stag's horn fern. Oceania! Beside ferns the rocks and boulders are deluged with soft mosses, and the bush flora is represented by the Niuau Palms, the small flowering orchids, the manna of the South Island which used to be the Maori as food before the advent of the white man, and others which we are only now being introduced for the first time. From the Fernery we emerge on the gardens beyond, but these very artificially seem to make them pos-

sess no attraction for us after the delightfully natural and chaotic arrangement of the mosses and ferns, climbing, creeping, hanging all over their damp rocks within. So we retrace our steps into the Fernery again, through the Scylla, and Charybdis of the strawberry stand and refreshment bar, though not without some trepidation, and proceed to do systematically the various Courts. But alas for our system! We are just getting well into the study of the antiquities of New Zealand by means of the maps and charts of Tasmania and Cook, when we are interrupted by imperative command to stand and look at the photo made from the nose of the Uluwatu Owl, Nogmangitakapiti, killed 150 years ago, and the thigh-bone and jaw of the probably proportionate of the Mori Giant; at the Tomahawk used by Te Koooti's butcher and tinker, and then at the flute made from the leg-bone of Te Koooti's butcher and bugler. One cannot but moralize here on the sad irony of fate. Anxious to learn all we can wish to know if the functions of butcher and bugler have always been combined in this country, as seems to have been the custom in its early days, and of course if arms and leg-hones were found to be the best material out of which to make musical instruments we can understand how the *Te Koooti* sides to be combined. We have read somewhere of Pharaoh's 'butcher and baker,' and we suppose Te Koooti's 'butcher and bugler' to have been a still more important functionary, being two evidently run into one. Again baffled in our attempts to pursue our antiquarian studies we reluctantly follow out our company, and then get out and cross the compound and receive a most impressive series of shows and sides, canoes and tomahawks, bone-needles and spear-points, feather garments and six mats of photographic fish-hooks, crochet counterpanes and other patchwork quilts, armbands and ornaments, homing and battle-axes. As we enter the Victorian Court the scene changes and we descend at one step from heathenism to civilization. Here are life-size horses and carriages, oil paintings and pleasure boats, cooking stoves and dustbins, works of art and agricultural products. To the credit of Dunedin we record this is the cleanest and best-kept exhibition we have ever attended; it is all good except the flooring which is execrable, and the arrangement of the dining-hall, concert hall, side shows &c., all of which we can't find nowhere, and after some fruitless attempt and much walking, which somehow always brings us back to where we start from, we return to our den thoroughly tired, but having enjoyed more than we expected our first day at the exhibition.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, Saturday Noon, 26th April, 1890.

STOCKS.	When Established.	Capital.	No. of Shares.	Per Value of Share.	Dividend per share.	POSITION PER LAST REPORT.		CASH QUOTATIONS.		DIVIDEND.	When paid.	Closing.	DURING CURRENT WEEK.		Highest.	Lowest.
						Reserve Fund.	At credit of working ac/c or Bal. Bro't fed.	Amount.	When paid.				During Current Week.			
Banks.																
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	1865 \$	7,500,000	60,000 \$	125	all	\$ 4,600,000	\$ 141,310.47	\$ 50 and 10% bonus for 4x7.401/22.99 at 9/1	Feb. 24, 90	190% prem.	buyers	200% prem.	105% prem.			
Marine Insurance.																
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	1867 \$	2,000,000	10,000 \$	250	25%	\$ 732,500	estimated to sh. for 1888	\$ 385,220	Oct. 11, 90	\$ 101, sales and buyers	—	—	—			
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	1862 \$	2,000,000	24,000 \$	83.33 \$	25%	\$ 650,000	\$ 231,349.91	20 percent prem. sh. for year ending 30/4/89	Sept. 10, 90	\$ 70, buyers	—	—	—			
North China Insurance Co., Ltd.	1863 £	1,000,000	5,000 £	200 £	50 £	Ts. 360,000,000	Ts. 303,975.94	10% for 1880	April 11, 90	Ts. 302½, sales	—	—	—			
Yangtze Insur. Association, Ltd.	1882 £	200,000	8,000 £	25	all	Ts. 175,914.31	Ts. 3,089.00	3/4 cent. for 15/m. 4.12 and 35.71	Jun. 18, 90	Ts. 93, sales	—	—	—			
Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd. (in liquidation)	1871 \$	1,500,000	1,500 \$	1,000 \$	200 \$	\$ 28,711.00	\$ 15,285.84	3/4 cent. for 15/m. 4.12 and 35.71	April 3, 90	nomin	—	—	—			
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	1881 \$	2,000,000	10,000 \$	250 \$	50 \$	\$ 417,000	estimated to 30 Sept. 89	14 p. cent. for 1888, 10 p. cent. in Div. 1888	Jan. 2, 90	\$ 120, sales	—	—	—			
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	1886 \$	3,000,000	30,000 \$	100 \$	20 \$	\$ 115,000	to 31 Dec. 1884	10% for 1888, 5% int. div. paid 1/10/90	April 1, 90	\$ 25½, sales	—	—	—			
Fire Insurance.																
Hongkong Fire Insur. Co., Ltd.	1868 \$	2,000,000	8,000 \$	250	50 \$	\$ 1,056,049	233 p. sh. for 1888	\$ 303,349.20	Feb. 25, 90	\$ 35, buyers	—	—	—			
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	1870 \$	2,000,000	20,000 \$	100 \$	20 \$	\$ 700,000	244,085.50	53 p. sh. to 10/1888, 33% final div. for 1889	Feb. 26, 90	\$ 35, buyers	—	—	—			
Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	1886 \$	2,000,000	20,000 \$	100 \$	20 \$	\$ 20,000	for 1889	119,318	Feb. 26, 90	\$ 18, ex div.	—	—	—			
Fire and Marine Insurances.																
Singapore Insurance Co., Ltd.	1884 \$	4,000,000	40,000 \$	100 \$	20 \$	\$ 11,875.01	230,125.00	53% for yr. end 1/12/88	April 27, 90	\$ 14½, sellers	—	—	—			
Docks and Wharves.																
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Limited	1886 \$	1,563,500	12,500 \$	125	all	—	—	5 p. cent. for 6 m. end 31/12/89	Feb. 26, 90	53% prem.	nom.	—	—			
Shipping.																
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steam-boat Co., Limited	1860 \$	1,300,000	80,000 \$	20	all	(*) \$ 50,000	\$ 20,440.92	7 p. cent. div. and 1 p. cent. for 1888, 5% int. div. paid 31/12/89	Feb. 1, 90	\$ 66, sellers	\$ 66	\$ 35				
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Limited	1882 £	1,200,000	60,000 £	10	all	(*) \$ 44.01	£ 1,606,11.0	61% for yr. end 1/12/88	June 13, 90	89 2/3 % dis., sellers	—	—	—			
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	1883 \$	1,000,000	20,000 \$	50	all	\$ 261,015.23	\$ 1,760.48	8% for yr. end 1/12/88	Sept. 23, 90	\$ 63, sellers	—	—	—			
China & Manila S. Co., Ltd.	1883 \$	175,000	3,500 \$	50	all	\$ 55,000	\$ 2,412.66	10 p. cent. 5% for 1888, 5% for 1889, 5% for 1890	Mar. 10, 90	\$ 105, nom.	—	—	—			
Steam Launch Company, Ltd.	1883 \$	100,000	2,000 \$	50 \$	30	—	Dr. \$ 1,007.35	Dr. \$ 1,007.35	Dr. \$ 100, nom.	—	—	—	—			
Refineries.																
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	1878 \$	1,600,000	15,000 \$	100	all	—	—	\$ 11,873.93	25% per share for '89	Mar. 7, 90	\$ 217, buyers	—	—	—		
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	1882 \$	700,000	7,000 \$	100	all	—	—	Dr. \$ 142.223	83 per share for '89	Mar. 7, 90	\$ 87, buyers	\$ 89	\$ 87			
Lands and Trusts.																
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Ltd.	1889 \$	5,000,000	50,000 \$	1'0 \$	50 \$	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 601.04	7 1/2% per ann. from 31/12/89	Jan. 24, 90	\$ 92, buyers	\$ 92	\$ 91				
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ltd.	1880 \$	300,000	6,000 \$	50 \$	30	—	—	\$ 1,637.15	—	\$ 17, buyers	—	—	—			
Trust & Loan Co. of China, Ltd.	1889 £	1,000,000	21,251 £	1 £	1 £	£ 50,000	to 31/12/89	550 nominal	—	\$ 17, buyers	—	—	—			
Tramways.																
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Limited	1887 \$	125,000														